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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVE KETCHUM'S LETTERS TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
OF STATE ON USE OF AMERICAN WINES AT U.S. EMBASSIES

REF: SPRINGSTEEN MEMO TO LTGEN SCOWCROFT

1. I AM SHOCKED TO READ CONGRESSMAN KETCHUM'S LETTERS TO THE
PRESIDENT AND TO THE SECRETARY SUGGESTING THAT THE EMBASSY USES
ONLY FRENCH WINES AT ITS FUNCTIONS. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN
THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND I AM SATISFIED THAT NO ONE IN
THIS MISSION EVER TALKED TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF BEAR MOUNTAIN
OR MADE ANY SUCH OUTLANDISH STATEMENT. I DEPLORE BEAR MOUN-
TAIN'S ACCUSATION TO ITS CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
BASIS OF SUCH FABRICATED EVIDENCE.

2. SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF WINE AND CHAMPAGNE SOLD IN OUR
EMBASSY COMMISSARY ARE OF U.S. ORIGIN. NOT ONLY I, BUT ALSO
MY OFFICERS, REGULARLY SERVE CALIFORNIA TABLE WINES.

3. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO
THE ATTENTION OF CONGRESSMAN KETCHUM AND THAT IN THE FUTURE
ACCUSATIONS SUCH AS THIS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE.
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